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Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Results of the 4th cut-off of the Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF)

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What is CEF?

The Connecting Europe Facility ([CEF](#)) is a key EU funding instrument to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness through targeted infrastructure investment at European level. It supports the development of high performing, sustainable, intelligent and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital services. CEF investments fill the missing links in Europe's energy, transport and digital backbone.

The [CEF Transport programme](#) implements the European Union's transport infrastructure policy by supporting investments in building or upgrading transport infrastructure across Europe.

What is AFIF?

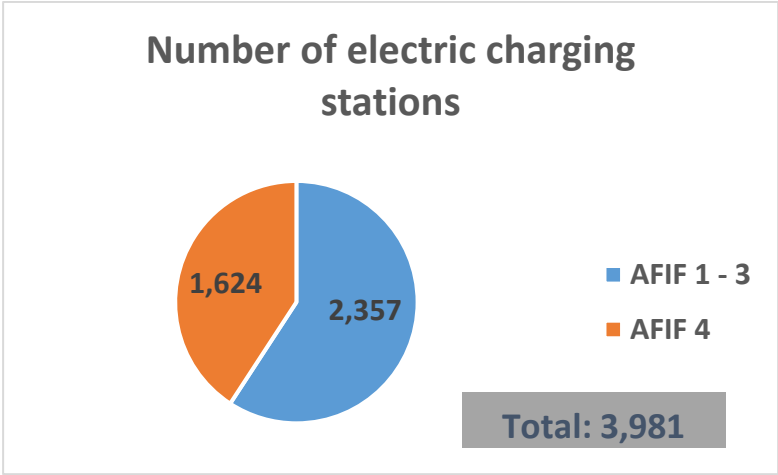
As a dedicated instrument under CEF, the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF) supports the deployment of alternative fuel supply infrastructure, contributing to decarbonising transport along the TEN-T network.

With a total budget of EUR 1.5 billion, AFIF provides grants in combination with financial support from financial institutions to achieve a higher impact of the investment.

What types of projects can receive funding?

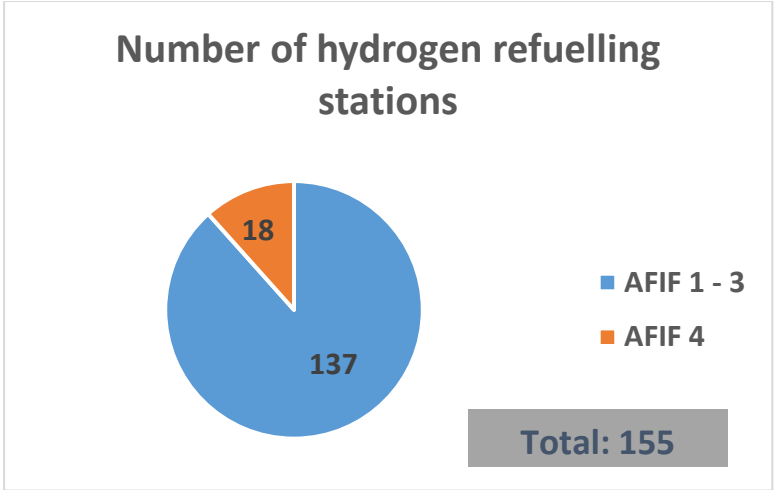
Support is provided to investment projects concerning the deployment of alternative fuel infrastructure, including electricity fast-charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure on the TEN-T road network.

What projects got funding under the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility call for proposals so far?



Under the 4th cut-off, 1,624 charging stations will be supported, bringing the total so far to 3,981 stations.

All the almost 4,000 electric charging stations supported by AFIF feature a total of 22,233 recharging points, of which 21,065 have a power capacity of 150 kW and 1,168 of 350 kW. These recharging points will be deployed in 25 Member States.



The hydrogen refuelling stations, which will be deployed in 12 Member States, include 25 electrolyzers. In addition, AFIF will also support the electrification of ground operations at 48 airports in 7 Member States.

Total funding to date under AFIF

Call	Cut-off date	Number of selected projects	Recommended funding, (EUR)
AFIF cut-off 1	19 January 2022	15	86,498,692
AFIF cut-off 2	7 June 2022	24	292,532,177
AFIF cut-off 3	10 November 2022	26	188,829,989
AFIF cut-off 4	13 April 2023	26	352,060,575
TOTAL		91	919,921,433

How will the projects be managed?

The CEF Programme is managed centrally by the European Commission, which sets the political priorities and is responsible for the selection of projects through competitive calls for proposals.

The Commission is assisted by CINEA for the evaluation and selection of projects and for the overall technical and financial monitoring of project implementation.

Beneficiaries in the Member States manage the projects.

All projects co-funded by the CEF programme are available on [CINEA's website](#).